

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO #39
TO BE ANSWERED ON-22/07/2026

TRIBLE CITIZENS SCREENED UNDER ANAEMIA MISSION

39 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of tribal citizens screened so far under the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission for the elimination of sickle cell anemia disease widely prevalent among the tribal population;
- (b) the details of the persons found to be suffering from Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) or carrying sickle cell trait during the screening, State-wise and age-wise and the special medical assistance being provided to them; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide genetic counselling to newly-married couples and pregnant women in the affected areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JUAL ORAM)

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No.# 39 for answer on 22.07.2026 regarding “Tribal citizens screened under Anaemia Mission”

(a) & (b): As per the information received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), under the **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission (NSCAEM)**, screenings in the targeted age group of **0–40 years** are conducted at all health facilities from **District Hospitals (DH)** up to **Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM)** level in the affected **17 tribal States** for diagnosis of **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)**.

As reported by the States on the **SCD Portal**, as on **16.07.2026**, more than **7.24 crore** screenings have been conducted in tribal-dominated areas of the country, and a total of **247,961** individuals have been identified as **diseased** and **2,035,181** as **carriers** of SCD.

Age-wise details of diseased persons and carriers of Sickle Cell Anaemia identified through screening in the affected States are attached at **Annexure I** and **Annexure II**, respectively.

Hydroxyurea has been included in NHM Essential Drugs List at Sub-Health Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Urban PHC, Community Health Centres (CHC) and DHs to address the issue of access to medicine. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for conducting screenings and procurement of drugs for sickle cell anaemia, based on the proposals received in the form of PIPs under NHM.

(c) Patients living with SCD including newly-married couples and pregnant women are provided with the following services/ facilities for improving their quality of life:

- Follow-up of diseased individuals at frequent intervals.
- Counselling regarding lifestyle management, pre-marriage and pre-natal decisions.
- Nutritional supplementation support through distribution of folic acid tablets.
- Conducting yoga and wellness sessions.
- Management of crisis symptoms and referral to higher facilities.

Annexure-I**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 39 for answer on 22.07.2026**

State- wise age-wise details of individuals who are sickle cell diseased as on 16.07.2026

Sr . No	State Name	Age 0 - 2 Year	Age 2 - 10 Year	Age 10 - 18 Year	Age 18 - 25 Year	Age 25 - 40 Year	Age 40 + Year	Age N/A
1	UTTARA KHAND	0	0	4	0	2	0	0
2	RAJAST HAN	21	682	1,181	388	507	110	37
3	UTTAR PRADESH	1	14	11	3	6	1	0
4	BIHAR	0	1	1	0	8	0	0
5	ASSAM	0	24	44	106	136	33	2
6	WEST BENGAL	14	107	166	281	276	52	1
7	JHARKH AND	44	472	524	654	621	99	12
8	ODISHA	1,615	23,383	28,061	22,065	26,434	4,320	477
9	CHHATT ISGARH	254	6,812	9,308	4,914	5,912	969	139
10	MADHY A PRADES H	590	8,804	12,182	8,815	8,688	1,098	259
11	GUJARA T	64	2,421	7,186	7,004	9,327	4,476	47
12	MAHAR ASHTRA	263	6,211	7,527	6,828	7,890	1,134	38
13	ANDHRA PRADES H	11	541	743	343	512	135	4
14	KARNAT AKA	2	109	237	50	134	48	2
15	KERALA	19	281	311	267	379	241	7
16	TAMIL NADU	4	131	242	138	258	29	2
17	TELANG ANA	4	137	190	75	187	25	1

Annexure-II**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 39 for answer on 22.07.2026**

State- wise age-wise details of individuals who are sickle cell carrier as on 16.07.2026

Sr. no	State Name	Age 0 – 2 Year	Age 2 – 10 Year	Age 10 – 18 Year	Age 18 – 25 Year	Age 25 – 40 Year	Age 40 + Year	Age N/A
1	UTTARA KHAND	1	4	47	2	15	0	0
2	RAJASTHAN	36	1,602	3,080	1,219	1,598	725	189
3	UTTAR PRADESH	0	13	19	10	29	14	0
4	BIHAR	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	ASSAM	7	105	194	516	714	89	3
6	WEST BENGAL	64	274	649	1,325	1,220	271	7
7	JHARKHAND	63	823	1,294	1,066	1,643	140	59
8	ODISHA	7,351	126,571	177,247	95,950	162,894	27,788	2,817
9	CHHATTISGARH	1,299	73,359	149,189	43,032	65,444	14,374	1,577
10	MADHYA PRADESH	2,448	40,504	63,967	46,206	69,937	19,266	1,739
11	GUJARAT	1,846	30,793	95,982	104,595	184,842	129,946	724
12	MAHARASHTRA	1,138	26,474	51,224	55,832	78,564	11,580	349
13	ANDHRA PRADESH	161	4,755	6,306	2,307	6,160	1,957	149
14	KARNATAKA	33	866	1,478	539	1,259	328	16
15	KERALA	81	1,099	1,115	811	1,350	994	24
16	TAMIL NADU	80	876	2,912	2,329	3,378	88	35
17	TELANGANA	38	1,222	1,953	1,162	2,236	1,098	8
